

ANCESTOR HUNT GOES ON MERRILY IN NEW ENGLAND

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BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 12.—After every war there is a gain in the popular interest in ancestors and family trees. Genealogists here in the great forest of family trees in America, object to this idea that there is a revival in genealogy now going on, because they say that a revival implies a lull in the interest, and there has been no lull.

Anyway you put it, this is a big year for ancestor hunting. Boys who fought in France met other boys with the same surname or some odd given name that ran in the families. The usual remark after an introduction would be:

"Bliggins? Oh, yes; are you descended from Hiram Bliggins of Vermont?"

And often than not the other fellow would have to say that he didn't know.

The Americans seemed less ready with the family past than the French or English. But the detective instinct, which every true American has, or thinks he has, was soon aroused and put on the trail of the missing ancestor. Some soldiers wrote home at once to trace connections, and others declared that when they got back they were certainly going to find out what ancestors hung on their family trees.

As a result of this enthusiasm, and of the Mayflower celebration, it is expected that this year will prove to be a record-breaking year for routing out hidden records and bringing to light long lost great-grandfathers.

Interest in genealogy is measured with mathematical precision by the New England Historical Genealogical Society at its headquarters here. This society has the best genealogical library in the country. Stocked with many valuable old manuscripts and rare books, this is the place to go to last resort to which people hunting family records come from all over the country, and even from abroad.

Because its library is so widely and steadily used, the society considers it a reliable place to take statistics on genealogy. Every person who visits the room is required to register at each visit, and every half hour a count is taken of the readers. These records are kept year after year. They prove what is known in a general way, that ever since about 1845, when Americans first began to acquire wealth, popular interest in genealogy has been growing steadily.

At first the popular demand for ancestors was restricted to the very wealthy, but gradually the less affluent families went to hunting for themselves. The genealogical society mentioned has a record of some 800 family historians, of whom about 50 are professionals and the rest are amateurs interested mainly in the history of their own families. Of course this is not a complete list of the persons who are interested in it as a hobby or side line.

The big fact which the average American would like to prove regarding his family past is that he had an ancestor on the Mayflower. Interest in the Mayflower passengers is stronger than ever this year, because of the celebration, so that perhaps a few words regarding the Mayflower-rites will not be amiss here.

Mr. Bowman is recognized as one of the most reliable authorities on Mayflower history. He is the only person who has ever tried to compile the records of all the Mayflower passengers, and he has a list of famous lines so well that no false claimant slips past his eagle eye into the congregation of the latter day Pilgrims.

There were 104 passengers on the famous ship, Mr. Bowman says, and descent can be traced from 49 of them, or really from 22 distinct families, as the other 27 persons were related by birth or marriage to the 22. Thus, in the case of John Mullins and his daughter, the famous Priscilla, the line has descended through Priscilla and John Alden, who was a Mayflowerite.

Descent from the other 55 passengers has never been traced. One of the 55 are known to have died without leaving any family to carry on the line. Descendants of others went back to England. A few disappeared into oblivion from which they have yet to be rescued. Mr. Bowman is working on some of these mysterious cases and hopes soon to announce that one of the lines is completed.

It is a curious fact that the given names of nine of the famous passengers are unknown. The old records of Bradford's history of the expedition refer to them only as the wife or son of James Chilton or John Turner, as the case might be.

Proving fitness to become one of the Mayflower-elect is not always a simple procedure, even if your family tree has been carefully preserved. Genealogists, professional as well as amateur, are sometimes led astray by incorrect records, or else they take the word of an unknown historian without verifying it by consulting an authority. This sort of careless work leads to such remarkable statements as that Mary Chilton was born on the Mayflower, whereas she is known to have reached Plymouth as a young woman.

It would seem that the names of the Mayflower passengers would be well-known to genealogists, yet Mr. Bowman often receives applications for Mayflower membership from people who claim descent from some one who is not on the list of passengers. Sometimes it is the name of a child who came on the Sparrowhawk or the Ann, which sailed a few years after the Mayflower, and again some record-seeker has gotten hold of a name similar to a Pilgrim's and mixed it into his genealogy. Mr. Bowman has no easy task, detecting such errors, though he says that he is sometimes amused by ridiculous mistakes he finds.

The latest "bull" which he has discovered caused him, as he says, no language in the presence of a lady for which he afterwards apologized. But she said she didn't blame him for his remarks. He took his friend to the old Salem burying ground to see the only tombstone of a Mayflower passenger in existence. He was led up to it, expecting to find the familiar inscription, "Here lyeth buried y body of Captain Richard More, aged 84 years." The inscription was there, but below it had been carved, in a good imitation of the original style of lettering, "A Mayflower Pilgrim," and a date.

"In a few years," said Mr. Bowman, "that lettering will look just like the rest, and people will think those words were put there originally. And worst of all, the date is wrong, for while we do not know exactly when Richard More died, I have proof that he was alive at least two years after the date carved on his stone."

This Richard More came over as a boy in the care of Elder William Brewster, and finally settled in Salem. He is one of the 55 passengers from whom descent has not been proved, but the vandalism on his tombstone—for which no one has assumed the responsibility—is a good instance of the sort of thing that "leads" family historians.



Guilty Or Not Guilty Red Ink Or Black

A powdered wig, a solemn look, a loosely hung robe, a long penstaff and an open page might cause a serious thought to enter into the heads of some—all of this stage setting might be the means of having some folks ponder the real cause and effect of what immediately lies before them, either as anticipated prosperity or as the thin years of want and close scrutiny of everything pertaining to one's daily living.

PIGGLY WIGGLY knows, however, that a Republican landslide of judges, powdered wigs and all that goes therewith would not have any effect whatever in having some folks stop just for one day's careful thought, because that particular kind of "some folks" never want to stop for anything. It is more, more always, that they ask for, and little, little always that they wish to give for that more.

It is true that the last mentioned "some folks" can make a scandalous lot of big noise describing what ought to be and what ought not to be, and while those kind of folks excitedly describe and

prophecy and mourn for the past, PIGGLY WIGGLY and its thrifty friends and customers concern themselves with the immediate present, happy in the thought that wartime bubbles have "busted" and that while quickly made fortunes may sway and rock, just the same PIGGLY WIGGLY is glad to be able to announce and be the leader in doing so, of the downward drop in food prices and those good and sensible folks of Memphis who do careful thinking not once in a while, but all the time, will, we feel sure, be glad with PIGGLY WIGGLY that wartime bubbles can no longer hold up the weight of High Prices.

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Beets, Sliced, No. 2 can	15c	Apricots, White Lily, No. 2 1/2 can	31c	Irish Potatoes, per lb.	3c	Beans, Lima, 2-lb. carton	23c	Coffee, Laxmanne, per lb.	39c	Molasses, Green Velvet, No. 1 1/2 cans	21c
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Okra, Whole, No. 2 can	11 1/2c	Peaches, Libby's Special, No. 1 can	27c	Apricots, Gold Leaf, No. 2 1/2 can	35c	Florida Oranges, medium, per dozen	40c	Meal, Best Cream, 6-lb. sack	18c	Coffee, Bean, 1-lb. grnd., pulv. and perc.	40c
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Okra and Tomatoes, No. 2 can	14c	Peaches, California Growers, No. 2 1/2 can	27c	Apricots, Modesta, No. 2 1/2 can	43c	Lemons, Fancy Imported, per dozen	16c	Beans, Navy, Hand picked, per lb.	6c	Coffee, High-Grade, 1-lb. pkgs.	16c
Okra, Cut, No. 2 can	10 1/2c	Peaches, Envoy, No. 2 1/2 can	35c	Apricots, White Lily, No. 2 1/2 can	31c	Irish Potatoes, per lb.	3c	Beans, Lima, 2-lb. carton	23c	Coffee, Laxmanne, per lb.	39c
Peas, Extra Sifted June, per can	19c	Peaches, California, halves, No. 1 can	15c	Therries, Bewley, Pitted, No. 2 can	25c	Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	4c	Peas, Black Eyed, per lb.	8 1/2c	Coffee, Maxwell House, 1-lb. grnd., pulv. and perc.	40c
Peas, Sifted Early June, per can	14c	Peaches, Del Monte, Fancy V. C. No. 2 can	32c	Cherries, Seabright Royal American, No. 2 1/2 can	42c						
Peas, Petit Pois, per can	20c	Peaches, Pie, No. 3 can	27c	Cherries, Suprema, Pitted, Heavy Syrup, No. 2 can	40c						
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Peas, Palm Ripe, No. 1	7c	Pineapple, Gold Leaf Sliced, No. 1 can	18c								
Peas, Fancy Tiny, No. 2 can	25c	Pineapple, Gold Leaf Sliced, No. 2 1/2 can	38c								
Peas, Early June, No. 2 can	9c	Pineapple, Gold Leaf Sliced, No. 1 can	18c								
Pork and Beans, Campbell's, per can	12c	Pineapple, Gold Leaf Sliced, No. 2 can	31c								
Pork and Beans, Van Camp's, No. 1 can	9 1/2c	Pineapple, Gold Leaf Sliced, No. 2 1/2 can	37c								
Pork and Beans, Van Camp's, No. 2 can	14c	Pineapple, Libby's Grated, No. 1 can	19c								
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